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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON DJIBOUTI INCIDENT

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1. AT SOMALI REQUEST, AMB BENNETT, ACTING AS SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MET WITH SOMALI PERMREP HUSSEN IN COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, MID-DAY FEBRUARY 10. HUSSEN PRESENTED LETTER TO SC PRESIDENT, TEXT OF WHICH SENT SEPTEL. HE OBSERVED THAT LETTER SPECIFIED THAT 15 (RATHER THAN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED 23) HAD BEEN KILLED. HUSSEN OBSERVED THAT HIS GOVT HAD TOLD HIM THAT FURTHER INFORMATION WAS COMING AND HE REQUESTED A POSTPONEMENT OF SC MEETING UNTIL FEBRUARY 11. HUSSEN DID ADD THAT HE HAD MET "INCIDENTALLY" (SIC) WITH FRENCH PERMREP DE GUIRINGAUD FEBRUARY 9, AT WHICH TIME FRENCH TOLD HIM THAT THEIR INSTRUCTIONS WERE "FLEXIBLE." HUSSEN SEEMED FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY FRENCH WILLINGNESS TO INITIATE DIALOGUE WITH HIM, BUT SOMALIS STILL WANT A MEETING AND HAVE NOT SEEN THE FRENCH SINCE FEBRUARY 9. NEVERTHELESS, IF FRANCE WISHES TO TAKE THE
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INITIATIVE ON CONTACTS LEADING TO NEGOTIATIONS, SOMALIA IS

WILLING TO ENTER INTO SUCH TALKS, FRANCE AND SOMALIA BEING IN AGREEMENT THAT PUBLIC DEBATE IS NOT DESIRABLE. ON THE OTHER HAND, SOMALIA, AS VICTIM, WOULD NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE WITH FRANCE. HUSSEN SAID THAT TANZANIAN PERMREP SALIM HAD SPOKEN WITH HIM AND THAT SALIM ALSO PREFERRED BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. AMB BENNETT STATED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT THE FRENCH TO INFORM THEM OF HIS TALK WITH SOMALIS. IN PARTING, AMB HUSSEN TOLD US OF AMB ADDOU'S MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE AND EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE FOR U.S. "FRIENDLY ATTITUDE."

2. IN SUBSEQUENT TALK WITH FRENCH, DE GUIRINGAUD TOLD AMB BENNETT THAT THE FRENCH SUSPECTED THAT SOMALIA WAS ORGANIZING A MASS RALLY OR TRIP BY DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO VISIT THE BORDER SITE; HENCE, THE SOMALI DELAY. ALTHOUGH FRANCE HAD NOTHING TO OFFER, DE GUIRINGAUD WOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHETHER HE COULD MEET WITH HUSSEN IN SC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 10.
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